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1. President Kennedy's October 22 statement received full and sympathetic factual coverage in conservative and nationalist liberal organs. Other non-Communist newspapers, expected follow similar line as issues become due 23rd. Only editorial so far in liberal NOVEDADES emphasizes theme US has reached limit endurance and now passing from talking to action stage. General attitude responsible Nicaraguans reflects mixture great relief US at last acting against threat and apprehension over possibility world conflagration. Department pass paragraph one USIA FOR IPS.

2. No overt reaction yet observed in Communist sector. Rumored however that proposed anti-Communist rallies are to be attacked by pro-Castro groups with subsequent attempts on Americans and US property. GON forces alerted to such possibilities. Embassy has tightened security measures to safeguard premises.

3. MA conversations indicate General Somoza and other GON military officers support US program 100 percent but express concern that something may interfere with complete implementation such program.

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